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In re Patent Application of)	Attorney Docket No.: ASAIN0179
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Serial No.: 10/596,398)	Group Art Unit: 2856
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Filed: June 12, 2006)	Examiner: Samir M. SHAH
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For: ROTATABLY SUPPORTING DEVICE)	Date: August 3, 2009
FOR CORRECTING BALANCE OF)	
ROTATING BODY)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

JP 44-14243 broadly relates to a gas-lubricating bearing assembly comprising a rotor and rotation supporting parts. Further, Japanese Office Action issued in the corresponding application JP 2003-411204, which is the foreign priority document of the above-captioned U.S. application, states as follows:

JP 44-14243 cited in the present application (i.e., JP 2003-411204), indicates that “a space part is formed in at least either one of the mandrel and the rotation support hole to widen a space other than a space at a supporting

portion.” Specifically, FIG. 4 of JP 44-14243 shows the space (29), and FIG. 6 of JP 44-14243 shows the space (68).

JP 44-14243 is relevant to the above-captioned U.S. application, because the space part formed in such manner above relates to space parts as recited in the disclosure of the above-captioned U.S. application.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

The requisite fee of \$180.00 is attached herewith. It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

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